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LOK SABHA

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OPENING OF HEAD POST OFFICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether government have decided to set up at least one Head Post Office in each District Headquarters in the country;

(b) if so, number of districts in Maharashtra which do not have a Head Post Office at their District Headquarters as on date; and

(c) the time by which these are likely to be opened in all the District Headquarters?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAS SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir. There is a proposal to have one Head Post Office (HPO) at the headquarters of each district in the country, primarily through rationalizing the existing network of HPOs. Further, for district headquarters not having a Head Post Office, an office of appropriate status will be designated as "Mukhya Dak Ghar", which will provide self-contained service in respect of all counter transactions to all its customers.

(b) & (c): There are 5 districts in Maharashtra Circle which do not have a Head Post Office at their district head quarters. The creation of Head Post Offices in these districts will depend on justification from administrative and financial angles. Meanwhile establishment of Mukhya Dak Ghars in these place is under way.